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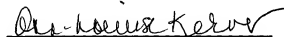
Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated
September 12, 1998, Applicants provisionally elect the claims of
Group I (claims 1-31) drawn to oligonucleotides for prosecution
at this time. Applicants traverse this restriction requirement
because the methods, therapeutic compositions, and kits of the
nonelected claims require as a limitation the oligonucleotides
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